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State Rep. Monroe Flinn is planning to introduce legislation next week that would prohibit anyone other than law enforcement officers from wearing bullet-proof vests. Flinn's idea comes in the aftermath of the arrest in East St. Louis of two suspected drug dealers who were arrested wearing such vests.

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Gardening seminar
— It may not seem like the time to begin thinking about gardening, but the Granite City Park District is planning a gardening seminar for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19 and 26, at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, corner of Franklin and Amos, in Granite City.

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Panel endorses Slough proposal

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Controversial residential development in the Dorey Slough area took a giant step toward reality Thursday evening.

A preliminary plat for Pine Lake Estates, in an area of northeast Granite City annexed in October, was recommended for city approval in action by the city Plan Commission, 5-3, at its monthly meeting.

Ramm Development, owned by Steve Lathrop of Granite City, proposed digging a two-acre lake, 15 feet deep, to enhance drainage, with residences to be built around the lake.

The proposal was originally "not accepted" by the city Plan Commission Nov. 8. But Lathrop presented revised plans to the commission Dec. 13, and action on them was sidetracked in order that the city engineers and Plan Commission could review them.

Lathrop's new preliminary plat, presented to the Plan Commission Thursday evening, included changed easements and different lot layouts and lot sizes.

It now includes nine lots, two of which hold the lake and seven of which are proposed home sites.

Lathrop reported he has 90 percent of his lake finished, and it has held stormwater. He said Pine, Henlock, Sara, Lynch and Vesel avenues have all drained well.

He reported that water is currently being held at full flood stage because he dammed up an area prior to digging the lake, and because the U.S. Corps of Engineers has issued a cease and desist order, preventing him from removing the dam.

Because the area for the proposed development has been ruled a wetland, protected by the Clean Water Act of 1977, Lathrop was issued a cease and desist order last month by the Corps.

Commissioner Charles Meyer asked, "How can (See SLOUGH, Page 6A)

Commission OKs Wal-Mart plan

The proposed Granite City Wal-Mart is a little closer to being built.

The petition for rezoning property at the intersection of Illinois 3 and West Pontoon Road was unanimously recommended for approval by the city Plan Commission Thursday evening.

The petition, presented by Martha and Herbert Lee Bischoff, represented by attorney Maurice Daley, requests rezoning from Agricultural (A) to Highway Commercial (C-5).

Daley said that the 20.9 acres of land in question (See WAL-MART, Page 6A)



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

WINTER IS MADE A LITTLE MORE BEARABLE: A Trumpeter Swan takes bread Friday from Julie Nicol's hand in her back yard on Osprey Drive. Nicol's home, in the Quality Beach Mobile Home Park, has a lake just in back of it that is home for hundreds of water fowl that she feeds twice a day. The geese, ducks and swan usually come a honkin' around 5 a.m. every morning and waddle up again in the late

afternoon. Nicol said that the birds go through 30 pounds of corn a week; she has tried without success to get animal groups to help fund the winter feed for the birds. The Quality Beach Homes Office at 4441 Illinois 162 is accepting donations to help feed the birds through the winter.

Apartment complex proposed in Pontoon

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

PONTON BEACH — Proposed construction of two 12-family apartment buildings is under review by the Village Board.

Plans for the buildings, estimated to cost a total of \$450,000, and an application for a building permit were presented at Tuesday night's board meeting.

The developer is David L. Jones, owner of MIC Associates.

The proposed apartment complex designated as Chouteau Bay is located on Whittell Drive in the Chouteau Trace Redevelopment Area. The area lies on the west side of Illinois 111 just south of East Chain of Rocks Road and Interstate 270.

According to the plans, both three-story structures will be constructed of frame and brick, with all-brick fronts and masonry balconies up two sides.

Each building will contain 12 apartments, four apartments on each floor, and each structure is expected to cost

\$225,000 to build.

The individual apartments will contain more than 900 square feet of floor space, the plans show.

Each will have two bedrooms, a kitchen with Kenmore appliances, a full bathroom and a living room with a bay window.

Sprinkler systems installed throughout the buildings also are proposed.

The drawings were referred to Pete McFarland and Randy Viessman, village building inspectors, to check for compliance with Illinois fire codes and other requirements.

The plans also will be inspected by Anthony Candella, a former fire marshal, Village Clerk Mary Warren said.

All infrastructure systems at the proposed building site is in place, including streets, utilities and sewers.

Although the site is within the village's Tax Increment Financing District, no infrastructure work was not financed with TIF funds, Warren said.

Overall, developer of the Chouteau (See COMPLEX, Page 6A)

911 answering points now total 16

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Fifteen Madison County communities, as well as Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will serve as Public Safety Answering Points for the 911 emergency system to go on line in December.

Two other communities — Maryville and Venice — may soon join that list, said Terry Ford, chairman of the 911 committee.

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"It was strictly a money issue — all over some misinformation about what equipment would cost," Ford said of the communities original response.

The PSAP equipment, including a back-up generator and a dictaphone recorder, can cost between \$4,000 and \$40,000 Ford has said.

The most recent addition to the agreement list is Pontoon Beach.

Venice is the only community in the county that has given no response, but it intends to handle 911, Ford said.

In the agreements, each community promises to either purchase the needed equipment or serve as a PSAP or make arrangements with another PSAP to provide the service for their community.

The 911 system is expected to (See 911, Page 6A)

Academy accepts Ballew

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

MADISON — Paula Ballew will enter the Illinois State Police Training Academy in Springfield on Feb. 3. Classes will start Feb. 4 and continue for 10 weeks.

Upon completion of the training Ballew will become the first woman officer on the Madison Police Department.

Her appointment to the force was part of the settlement of a lawsuit against the city which she filed in 1987, claiming sex discrimination under the Equal Employment Opportunity statute.

An ordinance approving payment of \$33,000 to Ballew was passed on Tuesday, Jan. 8, by the Madison City Council.

A judgment for the amount was entered against the city Jan. 4 and must be paid by the close of the fiscal year, the ordinance states.

An equal amount of money will be paid to Ballew by the city's Illinois Municipal League insurance as part of the settlement, City Attorney Casper Nighoshian said.

Ballew will join the Madison Police Department as a probationary patrolman in addition to receiving the funds as part of the negotiated agreement. The settlement was approved at a special City Council meeting Jan. 3.

Ballew filed suit in 1987 to become a police officer, contending she had been given an invalid assignment. (See BALLEW, Page 6A)

Anti-war views voiced

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

"There's a war growin' up, growin' up, growin' strong and we watch every day as he marches along. We have seen him before, now he knocks on the door... again."

"No war. No war. No. No. not again."

EDWARDSVILLE — The words, sung by a group of 20 Thursday night, waited slowly to the ceiling of the Religious Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The song was written by Laura Perkins-Cottone, a speech communications professor. It was sung during a town meeting on potential war in the Persian Gulf.

The meeting, sponsored by (See WAR, Page 6A)

Fears wins change in loan agreement

COLLINSVILLE — Retiring State Treasurer Jerry Cosentino will approve a new loan agreement for the troubled Collinsville hotel headed by politically connected developer Gary Fears.

Cosentino said he will approve restructuring the loan on the Collinsville Holiday Inn, formerly a Hilton Inn, before he leaves office at noon Monday.

When Cosentino was running for secretary of state during the fall of 1990, he said he would not renegotiate the loan.

But Cosentino said he changed his mind at the urging of Gov. James Thompson, the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce and other local business groups.

"I think it will be in the best interest of the state," Cosentino said.

Thompson's press secretary, Jim Bray, said the governor was convinced that, unless the change was made, the hotel would default and "the state would come into possession of a hotel it would have to sell at fire-sale prices. And the taxpayer

would lose not only the interest but probably much of the principal."

Fears, who has a variety of business enterprises, is a leading campaign fund-raiser for both Democrats and Republicans.

Patrick Quinn, who will succeed Cosentino as treasurer Monday, had repeatedly said he would not renegotiate the hotel loan because interest rates had already been reduced twice before after payments were missed.

Quinn could not be reached for comment, but his brother, Tom, who heads his transition team, said Cosentino's plans were no surprise.

"We were aware of the effort by Cosentino and Thompson to do something on this before Patrick took office. You have lame ducks in office who have last-minute items on their agenda."

Although Quinn could not stop the restructuring of the loan, he will "take a hard look at it" after he becomes treasurer, he said. (See LOAN, 2A)

Should wearing bulletproof vest be felony crime?

By Joe Carroll
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD — Two drug dealers suspected of murdering a competitor and injuring two others in East St. Louis late last winter were released shortly after their arrest when police decided there wasn't enough evidence to press charges.

But in a city (East St. Louis) that has seen more than 170 murders in the last two years, what made police nervous was that the two suspects were wearing bulletproof vests when they were picked up.

East St. Louis Police Investigator Lester Anderson said a growing trend among warring gangs of drug dealers is the practice of wearing bulletproof vests, to protect themselves not only from each other, but from police.

"Rather than get caught, they'd shoot it out with police," state Rep. Monroe Flinn, D-Cahokia, said.

Flinn is expected to introduce a bill Monday making it a felony for anyone other than police officers to wear bulletproof vests.

Wearing a bulletproof vest is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail. Upgrading the charge to a felony could mean prison sentences of at

least a year and hefty fines for anyone convicted.

"I believe we're in bad enough shape as it is, with people out there buying bulletproof vests because they fear being shot by police," Flinn said.

Anderson would like to see the bill made law.

"I totally agree with (Flinn)," Anderson said. "Your everyday Joe Blow dope dealer shouldn't have something like that out on the street."

Both Anderson and Flinn acknowledged there may be legal and political hurdles to getting the bill passed.

"I don't know how (Flinn) is going to make a felony out of it, since a vest doesn't hurt anybody," Anderson said. "I think he'll have to put something in their making it a felony if the individual wearing the vest is armed or if his bodyguards are armed."

Flinn said he expects some resistance from Judiciary Committee I and II, which will probably review the bill before the House gets a chance to vote on it.

"Any time someone tries to strengthen a law, it tends to make the hair bristle up on the back of their necks," Flinn said of the committee. He is not a member of the committee.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice.

Tuesday - Pizza, french fries, buttered vegetable, chilled peaches.

Wednesday - Deep fried chicken, french fries, buttered corn, chilled peaches.

Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, buttered vegetable, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish plate, macaroni and cheese, buttered corn, chilled apricots.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, pudding.

Tuesday - Chicken patties on bun, lettuce and tomato, french fries, cherry pie.

Wednesday - Chili with crackers, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, peaches.

Thursday - Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, pineapple.

Friday - Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni and cheese, buttered peas, apple sauce.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, cake.

Tuesday - Pizza squares, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday - Beef ravioli, sweet peas, apricots.

Thursday - Hamburger on bun, french fries, pickles and onions, peaches.

Friday - Tuna salad, corn,

homemade peanut butter cookies.

Holy Family

Monday - Hot dog on bun, french fries, baked beans, celery and carrot sticks, graham cracker cookie.

Tuesday - Chili or chili mac, crackers, peanut buttered bread, carrot sticks, pears.

Wednesday - Cannelloni with meat sauce, green beans, lettuce salad, fruit jello.

Thursday - Hamburger gravy on noodles or rice, corn, salad, chocolate pudding.

Friday - Nachos with cheese sauce, peas, slaw, peanut buttered bread, blackberry cobbler.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - No school.

Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, later tots, cupcake, fruit.

Wednesday - Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, jello, fruit.

Thursday - Pizza with extra cheese, buttered vegetables, celery, carrot sticks, peach cobbler.

Friday - Steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetable, pudding and fruit.

Head Start

Monday - Beef stew with beef and vegetables, biscuit, pears.

Tuesday - Sliced turkey roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, whole wheat bread, cranberry sauce.

Wednesday - Chopped steak parmesan with mozzarella cheese, corn, peach slices.

Thursday - Barbecued beef, small bun, green beans, apple sauce.

Police



(Staff photo by Pam Doepeke-Hurd)

FILL 'ER UP: Granite City street department workers Dave Nordstrom, left, and Mike Cross fill one of many potholes that have been endangering Granite City motorists. Nordstrom and Cross were working in the 2000 block of Johnson Road.

Burglar breaks window of home

Sherry Boyd of the 600 block of Lincoln Avenue in Venice reported at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 1 that a burglar had entered her residence by breaking a rear window. Initially determined to be missing were a gold chain and a wedding ring.

3 warrants served

Jerry D. Bladdick, 29, was arrested Jan. 5 at 10 p.m. at his home in the Parktowne West mobile home court on a Granite City warrant alleging failure to appear on a battery allegation and on Granite City and Illinois warrants that alleged failure to appear on charges of driving while his license was suspended. Bail was set at \$556 cash.

Pyramids return at County Jail; smokers happy

EDWARDSVILLE — The taste of Pyramid cigarettes is not what keeps customers coming back.

"We've never had anyone leave the jail and try to come back to buy a pack," Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich said.

The cigarettes, which are produced by inmates at the Menard Correctional Center, sell for 45 cents a pack in the County Jail, according to Lt. James E. Newsome of Madison, jail superintendent.

Sometimes they're given to inmates who have no money, he added.

Popular brands of cigarettes sell for about \$1.50 in the jail.

"They're a lot better than nothing," one Madison County inmate said. And the low price is the primary reason for the popularity, he added.

Newsome, who smokes, said he's never tried the cheap smokes. "Some say they don't taste too bad," he said.

Churchich, a non-smoker, said the cigarettes are distinctive. "If you're in the same room with someone who's smoking one, you know what they're smoking," he said.

The Illinois Department of Corrections recently cut off sales to jails over a question of sales tax liability. The department collects no sales taxes.

But the freeze is being lifted after seven weeks on a DOC lawyer's advice that the cigarettes are exempt from the tax.

Jury may charge dog's owner

EDWARDSVILLE — A grand jury may be asked to decide whether a misdemeanor charge will be issued against a rural Edwardsville man who allegedly emascated his landlord's dog while it attempted to mate with his dog.

An investigation, which has been returned to the Madison County Sheriff's Department, should conclude soon, said Mark Von Nida, administrative assistant to Madison County State's Attorney William Haine.

"There are still questions that need to be answered in this case," Von Nida said. "Statements are still being taken."

Duke, a 4-year-old black Labrador, had total reconstructive surgery of the urinary tract following the Dec. 29 injury.

"It's that bad," said Cheri Rice, who has been investigating the case for the Madison County Humane Society.

But Duke began eating again over the next weekend and is recovering nicely, Rice said.

The man was renting a home owned by and adjacent to landlords Dave and Diane Highlander, Duke's owners.

The suspect vacated his Springfield Road home in rural Edwardsville the day after the incident, Rice said.

"I just can't imagine why anyone would do such a thing," Rice said. "You throw some cold water on them (the dogs) and it's all over with. This wasn't necessary."

Rice has been investigating animal abuse cases in Madison County for about two years.

"This is by far the worst case that I've ever come across," she said.

If the man would be charged, it would likely be under a provision of criminal damage to property, which includes animals, Von Nida said.

A conviction of anyone on the Class A misdemeanor could carry a fine of up to \$1,000 and as many as 180 days in the county jail, Von Nida said.

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Layoffs

A-12 decision to affect many local residents

By Valerie Evenden
and Laura J. Hopper
Staff writers

GRANITE CITY — Sad and unsettled feelings are among thoughts of McDonnell Douglas employees who have received layoff notifications in the last week.

As many as 5,000 McDonnell Douglas Corp. workers in the St. Louis bi-state area may lose their jobs within the next few weeks as a result of the U.S. Defense Department's decision to cancel the company's A-12 Avenger Attack Plane program.

"I feel sort of in limbo right now, so far just waiting," Clay Haddock of Granite City said.

"There are so many rumors and nothing appears firm. Probably I'll know more tomorrow how many will be laid off."

"The last word when I left work today was that no journeyman machinist was slated for layoff, but 22 general machinists would be laid off."

Haddock is a journeyman machinist and a member of Machinist Union District 837. He has 21 years with McDonnell Douglas, but Haddock is in a unique position. He was salaried for a three-year period and holds only 10 years of union seniority.

"I must say I was looking forward to seeing it (A-12) fly," Haddock said. He has been involved with the A-12 project at different times and also with other classified projects that he can't talk about.

"The Navy asked us to develop a plane on the leading edge of technology with the latest electronics and stealth capability."

"There were a lot of changes and redesigning which changed the cost. You have to please the customer (the Navy), and take these things as they go when

you're dealing with new technology," Haddock said.

"Douglas has quite a lot of commercial work out there (California). We do some here and they could come bring more here to take up the slack. But things are sort of in limbo right now as far as I'm concerned," Haddock said.

Jeffrey Carney of Granite City was getting ready to go to work at McDonnell Douglas when contacted Wednesday.

"I feel kind of lucky because I'm not getting laid off, although I'm a little bit worried because you never know," he said.

Carney, a machinist, said between 80 and 85 percent of the machine work at the plant is on the assembly line.

Carney is in a different classification in the production area. He also doesn't work on the A-12 project.

Several of his acquaintances at work have received their layoff notices, he said.

Carney has been with McDonnell Douglas for nine years. He and his wife have a daughter, 5, and a son, 3, and are expecting another child soon.

Carney said he has heard rumors of some commercial work being transferred to the St. Louis plant from California, but doesn't know what the company is planning to do and if it will happen.

Raymond Sparks of Granite City was at work at McDonnell Douglas on Wednesday, but his wife, Sandy, said the cancellation of the A-12 program and the layoffs are "very bad news."

"It does make you scared and right now they don't really know what the overall impact will be," Ray said yesterday (Tuesday) was one of the saddest days he had ever spent, seeing so many go out the door," Sandy Sparks said.



(Staff photo by Pam Deepke-Hurd)

WHOA! Eight-year-old Nick Baldwin slides down the stairs of the First Church of Christ-Scientist on the corner of Delmar Avenue and 25th Street. Baldwin and his friends took advantage of the slick steps to make their own sledding hill on the way home from school Monday afternoon.

employed by A-12 suppliers and subcontractors.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said Monday, "I am obviously greatly concerned about the effect the secretary's decision will have on thousands of families in the St. Louis area. The impact will also be felt throughout the defense procurement system, and this could lead to reforms in federal contracting."

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said he was shocked by the A-12 cancellation.

"The weapons systems on the plane are classified and secret," Brian Lott, press secretary to Costello, said. "As a result, the government doesn't keep a watchful eye on the costs as the project progresses."

In the July layoff, McDonnell, the nation's largest defense contractor, cited cuts in federal defense spending brought on by improved relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as a primary reason for its financial troubles.

Ray Sparks, a machinist, has worked at McDonnell Douglas for 30 years. "He's got the seniority, but you never know what can happen."

"McDonnell has been a good company for us," she said. Her husband has never been laid off in his three decades of employment.

"I've heard quite a few (people) from Granite City have been laid off," Mrs. Sparks said. Four of the men who ride in a van with her husband were expecting to be laid off, she said.

Prior to a layoff last July, it was estimated about 500 employees of McDonnell Douglas resided in the Quad City area.

More than 4,700 McDonnell workers lost their jobs in July as part of a \$700 million cost-cutting program by the corporation. Between 12,000 and 17,000 jobs nationwide were eliminated in that layoff.

It is estimated that more than 10,000 workers in 42 states are

MESD officials deny political hiring charge

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Political hiring by the Metro East Sanitary District was alleged and denied this week.

Walter "Shang" Greathouse, MESD executive director, is doing a "good job of covering up" for political activity by Centerville Township Supervisor Francis Touchette, Centerville Mayor Riley Owens contended. Greathouse denied it.

Touchette recently completed service as St. Clair County Board chairman. John Baricewicz was elected to the county post in November.

Greathouse has announced temporary layoffs of 30 of the district's 45 employees. The layoffs, which have become an annual occurrence, were characterized by Greathouse as a money-saving procedure that will save the district \$250,000 over the course of eight weeks.

Owens said Monday the district could save much more money by not calling the employees back to work.

"Shang is doing a great job," Owens said, "but the district could save much more than \$250,000 if they didn't call those workers back."

Owens said "80 percent of the people laid off were politically appointed anyway... half the guys down here (in St. Clair County) don't do a damn thing."

He said the workers were hired by MESD as a political favor to Touchette.

Greathouse said allegations of

political hiring were nothing new to his office but are not valid.

He said, "They run for office," referring to no one in particular, "or have a friend running for office, and try to use this district as a political platform. We run this district the way it has to be run, not politically."

"I don't put anyone to work unless there's something to do," Greathouse said.

He added, "I'm sure I know what Riley is talking about. There are one or two guys he didn't particularly like."

"I don't hire and fire people on that kind of basis. I don't care if they're black or white, Republican or Democrat, as long as they work hard."

Greathouse remained firm in his claim that the layoffs will not adversely affect the services of the district.

"I guarantee it will not have any effect on the services of the levee district," he said. "If anything would happen in this district that would jeopardize the people in the area, I wouldn't have done it."

"The river was at 5.9 feet this morning (Monday). If the temperature goes to 80 degrees, we could have a problem," he said. "But that's not going to happen. We don't have any pump stations going now."

Greathouse concluded by saying, "If everyone would leave me alone, we could run this district right... Nobody can run this district better than I can."

Park registration extended

Due to the bad weather, the Granite City Park District is still taking registration for all its winter programs. There is still space available in all programs.

Fees must be paid at the time of registration, along with providing proof of residency.

Programs still available are as follows: balon, self-improvement and self-confidence, senior aerobics, slimettes, ballroom dancing, gymnastics, cheerleading, tap dancing and ballet.

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Lawmakers say new DUI legislation is unnecessary

By Joe Carroll
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD — If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

That seems to be the attitude local lawmakers are taking toward a campaign to change the current DUI law by lowering the legal blood alcohol level from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent.

"We're not after the grand-mother who has a glass of wine with her grandchildren," state Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, said. "We're after the guy who has 12 beers at the tavern and runs into a telephone pole."

As the law stands, a driver is considered legally drunk if his blood alcohol level is 0.10 percent or more.

Other area legislators said they will try to have that figure dropped to 0.08 percent when the General Assembly convenes next week, a move Secretary of State-elect George Ryan says he will support.

Two separate attempts to pass similar legislation last spring failed.

"It's not the people who are 0.08 we need to worry about," McPike said. "It's the people who are 0.175 or 0.18 we should be worried about."

Other area legislators echoed McPike's sentiments.

"My sense is that it would be better to leave it where it is," state Rep. Wynter Young, D-East St. Louis, said. "I would

have to look at the specific bill, but right now I don't have any reason to believe it should be lowered."

State Rep. Monroe Flinn, D-Chicago, said the lower DUI threshold may be needed in Chicago, but downstate can get along fine without it.

"They may have a bigger problem up there," Flinn said. "Their judicial system is weaker, with people with higher than 0.10 (blood alcohol levels) getting off."

The current DUI statutes are sufficient, Flinn said, though he said would vote for a lower DUI threshold if his constituents demanded it.

"I think we're doing a good job of catching offenders now," Flinn said.

Incoming state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, who spent three years as an assistant state's attorney in St. Clair County, said the current law doesn't necessarily prevent prosecutors from going after drivers with blood alcohol levels of less than 0.10 percent.

"We have prosecuted people for under 0.10," he said. "Drivers with blood alcohol levels of 0.10 percent or more are assumed to be drunk driving."

But someone with a blood alcohol level below 0.10 may still be found guilty of drunk driving, depending on what other sorts of evidence are introduced, Hoffman said.

"Right now you can be prosecuted for a blood alcohol con-

centration of 0.05, it's just not a presumption of impairment," Hoffman said. "So I don't know that lowering it down to 0.08 would have an impact."

At least one local prosecutor agreed with Watson's assessment of what the new law would do to the courts.

"I'm sure it would bog up the courts," Todd Taplin, Madison County assistant state's attorney, said. But the effect a new law has on the court system should not be the prime consideration, Taplin said.

"The important thing is keeping drunk drivers off the roads, not what happens to the court system," Taplin, who handles anywhere from 20 to 80 DUI cases a week, said. "I might not like it in my job, but that's not what is really important."

The real strength of the law lies not in how many people are convicted, Taplin said, but in how many people are intimidated into not driving drunk.

Drunk driving arrests in Madison County were up from 1,449 in 1988 to 1,815 in 1989, according to the circuit clerk's office. In the first 11 months of 1990, the only period for which figures are available, there were 1,627 DUI arrests countywide.

Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchill said people who think the current law has been successful in keeping drunk drivers off the roads are assuming that taking someone's license away is enough to keep them from driving.

"You read in the paper every night about people arrested for driving on a revoked license after they lost that license for driving under the influence," Churchill said. "The penalty for driving on a revoked license needs to be more severe than the penalty for DUI before the law can have a real impact, he said."

State Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, and Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, said they would have to see the specific piece of legislation before making a decision. Last year's bills proposing a lower DUI threshold never made it to the senate.

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John Papa named to hospice board

John B. "Jack" Lee, president/chief executive officer of Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc., welcomed John T. Papa to its board of directors at the annual meeting. He will replace retiring board member Bob Thomas.

Papa, an attorney, was elected to a three-year term.

A past president of the Tri-City Bar Association, Papa is an associate with the law firm of Pratt and Callis, P.C. The firm has offices in East Alton and Granite City. Papa, his wife, Marli, and daughter, Jessica, reside in Madison.

The board of directors elected the Rev. Eugene Linnemann of St. Patrick's Church in Red Bud as chairman of the board.

Vice chairman is Charles R. Kasky of Kasky Mortuaries in Fairview Heights. Secretary is Ralph Cox, retired superintendent of the Belle Valley School District. Treasurer is James Compton, marketing director of Magna Bank in Belleville, and member-at-large is Harry Maier, president/chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Other members of the board are: Charles Anderson of Anderson CPAs in Belleville, the Rev. James Corbett, director of pastoral care at Memorial Hospital,



John Papa
of Madison

Howard B. Eisenberg, School of Law at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Gerald Harman, executive vice president of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, William Popovic, M.D., of the Oncology Care Center in Belleville, Virginia Scott, R.N., administrator of the Jackson County Health Department in Murphysboro, Ann Knewitz, community representative from Carbondale, and Elizabeth Szwed, community representative of Belleville.

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Cutbacks threaten heating aid program

By Steve Horrell
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE—If a federal proposal to cut Illinois and 40 other states out of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is adopted, it could have disastrous consequences for thousands of recipients statewide.

Louis Sullivan, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has proposed reducing the \$1.4 billion assistance program next year to \$468 million by shifting it to nine northeastern states in the budget year that starts Oct. 1.

The proposal has riled politicians, government employees and social service agencies statewide.

Thelma Chambers, executive director of the St. Clair County

YMCA volleyball meetings/set

The Tri-City Area YMCA will conduct captains' meetings for men's league in winter volleyball leagues.

The men's league meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15. Play will be held on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 22.

The co-ed league meeting will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 19. Play will be conducted on Saturdays, starting Jan. 26.

The church league meeting will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 18. Play will be on Fridays, starting Jan. 25.

Intergovernmental Grants Department, with offices in Belleville, said she was worried not only about low-income residents in the Metro East area, but also other areas of the state, such as Chicago. Chicago typically has severely cold winters, she said.

"It's obvious this would be devastating," Chambers said.

"In some cases it might even be life threatening. I really don't understand the reasoning."

All 50 states now participate in the program.

This year, Illinois received about \$82 million, with about 2,500 households in Madison County receiving \$1.1 million in aid; \$1.6 million went to about 6,000 households in St. Clair County.

"I think it's an outrageous proposal," said U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin, D-Springfield.

"We expect the budget deficit to require cutbacks. But to penalize the Midwest and award the Northeast is totally inequitable."

Durbin questioned whether the proposal could survive, since representatives from the 41 states that would lose money would outnumber those of the nine that would keep it.

Wayne E. Curtis, chief of the Office of Human Services in the state Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, said the cuts would hit hard at senior citizens, people with disabilities and the working poor.

He estimated that about 150,000 Illinoisans would be affected.



DOWN WITH THE OLD: Workers for Davis Excavation Co., Bridgeton, tear down the old McDonald's restaurant on Johnson Road. A new McDonald's was built directly behind the old one and opened Dec. 28. The site will be cleared of weather allows.

(Staff photo by Pam Doepeke-Hurd)

New programs, exhibit at Cahokia Mounds

A new season of programs and activities has begun at the Cahokia Mounds Historic Site, with a new temporary exhibit and the first of a series of lectures on archaeological topics.

Scheduled through mid-April, the exhibit features information and materials from the Spiro Mounds in eastern Oklahoma.

That prehistoric Indian site

produced some of the most interesting artifacts ever found in the United States, representing elaborate ceremonialism and extensive trade networks, a spokesman said.

The lecture series, focusing on "What's Happening in Archaeology," begins Sunday, Jan. 20, at 1:30 p.m. with a program on current issues in Missouri archaeology.

Gregg Fox, an archaeologist with the Missouri Archaeological Survey, will discuss prehistoric rock shelters, salt works, historical mines and steamboats.

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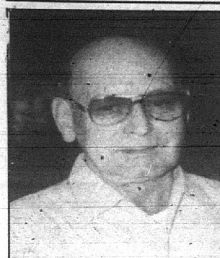
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Obituaries



Arnold Storey

Arnold A. Storey, 72, of the Alhambra Nursing Home, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:01 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 1991, at St. Joseph Hospital in Highland. He had been ill for two years and a hospital patient for one day.

Born Feb. 28, 1918, in St. Louis, he retired from Granite City Steel after 30 years there as a chainman. He was of the Protestant faith and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Survivors include three sons, Randall Storey of Hoytland, Ill., George Storey of Troy and Gary Storey of Florissant, Mo.; three daughters, Mrs. Ken (Nancy) Richter of Granite City and Mrs. Mike (Leah) Eaves and Mrs. Tim (Dee Anne) Byrne, both of Troy; one brother, Allan Storey of East Alton; two sisters, Alice Hill of Granite City and Carol Starr of Centralia; a friend, Melba Storey Medley; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today (Sunday) from 2 to 8 p.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, where services will be held Monday at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.



James Sharpe

James E. "Shark" Sharpe, 81, of Madison died at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill two years and a patient five days.

Born Oct. 10, 1909, in Grandina, Mo., he was a truck driver for Illinois Power Co., retiring in 1975. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Masonic Lodge 877 and the Low 12 Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie (Gosnell) Sharpe, whom he married Aug. 24, 1958; one daughter, Mrs. Sharon Caine of Sacramento, Calif.; two sons, Don Welborn of Edwardsville and Gary Welborn of Granite City; two sisters, Beatrice Welborn of Staunton and Atlas Langston of Venice; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and May (Nancy) Sharpe.

Visitation will be today (Sunday) from 4 to 8 p.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, where a service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Gale Thornton officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested for Madison County Hospice, Granite City.



Linda Arney

Linda Marie Ostrash Arney, 44, of Madison was pronounced dead at her home by Deputy Coroner Roger Morton at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1991, having apparently died in her sleep. A coroner's investigation is being made.

Born Sept. 16, 1946, in Dover, Tenn., she was a homemaker. Survivors include her mother, LaVerne Plebanek of Granite City; one daughter, Dawn Ostrash of Granite City; one son, Christopher Ostrash of San Diego; two sisters, Carrie Krug and Kathy Long, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Steve Plebanek. There was no visitation. A memorial service was conducted Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. John Gamblin and cremation rites were accorded.

Booker

Emory F. Booker, 68, of Granite City died at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill for six years and a patient for 12 days.

Born Oct. 31, 1921, in West Point, Ga., he had lived in Granite City since 1957. Mr. Booker was a truck driver for 25 years at Shasta Co., retiring in 1984. He was a World War II Navy veteran and member of Central Free Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Devona (Holt) Booker of Granite City; three sons, Henry Booker, Charles Booker and Gerald Booker, all of Granite City; four daughters, Mrs. Bill (Elizabeth) Chason of Lake City, Fla., Mrs. Billy (Vickie) Barnes of Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. George (Emily) Callender of Granite City and Mrs. Steve (Gloria) Hicks of St. Ann, Mo.; six sisters, Dora Mae Malone of West Point, Ga., Mrs. Emmet (Doris) Hogg of Glenview, Ill., Mrs. Burt (Ethel) Redline of Long Island, N.Y., and Mrs. Calvin (Ann) Shanks of Guntersville, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emory and Mary Elizabeth Booker.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon, 878-4321.

•War

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The Student Environmental Action Coalition, was the last of day-long peace activities, including religious services, held at the center.

Perkins-Cottone said she wrote the song after a drastic change in her reports regarding the Gulf crisis. Several of her students have family members serving with the armed forces in the Persian Gulf.

"The headlines changed from language about the possibility of peace to factual ways of winning a war," Perkins-Cottone said. "They should go back to the other language (peace)." Jay Tucker of the SEAC said the meeting was held to influ-

ence Congress not to go to war, to support conscientious objectors and to support the thousands of troops deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Isaac, an SIUE student from Bethlehem, said that despite failed talks between Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, it's not too late for peace.

"Now more than ever there is a chance for a peaceful resolution if people would let it go that way," he said.

Isaac said he is not a fan of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein but agrees with Hussein's insistence on resolving the Israeli/Palestinian issue as part of a

Mideast solution that would include Iraqi troops leaving Kuwait.

"I am an Arab," Isaac said. "For an Arab to occupy another Arab's territory is a big problem between us. He must have had a good reason for doing what he did."

Isaac said the United States is wrong in its opposition to an international peace conference. Isaac also criticized the United States for becoming involved after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait while not intervening in Israel's 1982 attack on Lebanon or in the continuing fighting along the Gaza Strip.

•Slough

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you grade without plan approval," referring to the previous Plan Commission action.

Lathrop replied, "I consulted with the city engineering and the city's legal department."

City Public Works Director Brett Hanke confirmed that Lathrop had consulted with his office and the legal department.

"When the Corps' action was brought up, Chairman Philip. This said, 'We're not here to determine if he complies with state or federal laws.' He said the city's ordinances were to be the basis for the commission's recommendation."

Commissioner Tom Hewlett expressed concern regarding floodplain ordinance. He said he recorded that a private entity will maintain the lake, releasing the city from liability for any damage caused by its existence.

Hanke said, "Any work (Lathrop) did was in compliance with the city floodplain ordinance." He said that federal officials have informed him the city's floodplain ordinance super-

sedes any county moratorium.

Mayor Van Dee Cruse received a letter from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Oct. 24, stating, "Applicable floodplain owners in the annexed area are being told ... that the floodplain designation and its associated regulations no longer apply when a tract is annexed."

This is not true. The only change is that the area comes under the jurisdiction of the city and is no longer subject to Madison County regulations.

Therefore, the city's floodplain ordinance would apply to the project, officials said.

The letter also says that FEMA does not have an updated floodplain ordinance from the city on file. In 1986, National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was revised, and all participating communities were given until May 1987 to adopt the necessary revisions, according to the letter.

The letter requests Cruse to send a certified copy of the city's latest floodplain ordinance to FEMA. "So we may determine whether it complies and we may continue

the city's good standing in the NFIP."

A follow-up letter from FEMA, dated Oct. 31, is being processed. It says the Doherty development, says, "We still have not received your reply to the letter raised in a big problem between us. He must have had a good reason for doing what he did."

Isaac said the United States is wrong in its opposition to an international peace conference. Isaac also criticized the United States for becoming involved after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait while not intervening in Israel's 1982 attack on Lebanon or in the continuing fighting along the Gaza Strip.

Isaac said he is not a fan of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein but agrees with Hussein's insistence on resolving the Israeli/Palestinian issue as part of a

Mideast solution that would include Iraqi troops leaving Kuwait.

•Complex

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Trace area is BTL Enterprises Inc., owned by the Stan Lucas family.

Jones is anxious to start construction as soon as possible, the trustees were told.

•Ballew

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ity test in March 1985 after Perkins-Cottone said she wrote the song after a drastic change in her reports regarding the Gulf crisis.

On Thursday, she took another agility test, along with a complete physical examination and numerous other tests, spending close to four hours in the Industrial Medicine Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"I took stress tests, had X rays, a drug test and urinalysis, heart, visual and hearing tests, every test you can imagine, and I still have to go back on Friday for a TB test," Ballew said. "I didn't mind, she had gone through such tests before, and apparently she cleared all the hurdles."

The doctor had to leave a couple of times to take care of some other business; that's why it took so long," she explained. Ballew is employed at National Linen Service in St. Louis, where she operates a computer terminal, keeps track of purchases and expenditures, and generally helps to keep the office functioning.

•911

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go on line in December for all county residents. Currently, only Edwardsville and Highland have the service.

Committee member Terry Sabre said he had dropped off material and had several unsuccessful attempts to contact vendors by phone.

Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann, who chairs the PSAP committee, asked Sabre and consultant Jim O'Loughlin of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council to schedule a visit with Mayor Tyrone Echols as soon as possible.

•Loan

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brother said.

Fears is a partner in the hotel with Granite City developer B.C. Gitchy. Neither could be reached for comment by press time.

Cosentino said the Collinsville hotel will be offered basically the same reduction — to 6 percent from 8 percent — provided to the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Springfield.

•Wal-Mart

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tion is the proposed site of a new Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart will purchase the property from the Biscoffs.

Bailey said the plan includes the possibility of substantial additional commercial ventures on outlots around the proposed store site.

Commissioner Joe Ribbing said the area is designated by the city's comprehensive plan for future industrial or commercial use. Although this proposal is "fight for the area, the city does not want to overstep its bounds with commercial use in the future, as Norfolk and Southern Railroad, Illinois Power, the Tri-City Port District and others have industrial interests in the area, he said.

Commissioner Tom Hewlett characterized the proposal as "a step in the right direction" for the city.

On a motion by Hewlett, the commission unanimously recommended the proposed rezoning be approved.

The matter will come before the city council later this month.

Tyler

Ernest Tyler, 81, of Granite City died at 10:33 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 1991, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been a patient since Jan. 8.

Born March 17, 1909, in Pomona, Ill., he resided in Granite City for 55 years and was a retired laborer. Mr. Tyler was a member of the Laborers Local 397 in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, Hester Tyler of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Ernest Wayne Tyler of Granite City; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Mavis) Clark of Granite City; one sister, Jennie Marshall of Murphysboro; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel Tyler, who died in 1980.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, with the Rev. Greg Dickerman officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville.

Little

Fay (Crouch) Little, 83, of Gaithersburg, Md., formerly of Madison, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, 1991, at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md.

Born July 10, 1907, in Morehouse, Mo., she was a lifelong resident of Madison until November 1960. Mrs. Little was employed by Arms Cleaners in Madison for 35 years and Glik's Department Store in Madison for 32 years, retiring in 1976.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Susan Ostrash of Gaithersburg, Md., Kimberly Daley of Silver Springs, Md., and Ellen Gravelle of Woodbridge, Va.; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jack Little, and one daughter, Jean Veggeli.

There was no visitation. A family memorial service was held in Maryland.

There will also be a memorial service at the First Baptist Church in Madison on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Paul Davis officiating.

Food distribution scheduled at 4 sites

Chouteau Township officials and senior citizens will be giving out surplus government food commodities at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 N. Thorngate Drive in Mitchell, at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Commodities will be distributed the same day by Venice Township at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison, starting at 8 a.m.

Commodities will also be given Wednesday, Jan. 16, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Nameoki Township Social Center, 300 E. 22nd St. Madison, starting at 8 a.m.

All will be distributing cornmeal, butter, flour, peanut butter and honey.

The cornmeal and flour are in short supply and persons will be asked to take a choice of one of them. All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Briefly

Neil Young to rock Fab Fox

Fox Concerts will present legendary rock artist Neil Young and his band Crazy Horse at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Fox Theater, St. Louis. Guests will be World Party and Social Distortion.

Young's musical impact has spanned three decades of rock music. In the '60s he was a member of several popular bands, including Buffalo Springfield, Crazy Horse, and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. By the early '70s, he was producing solo albums such as "After the Goldrush," "Harvest," "Journey Through the East" and "Time Fades Away."

Ticket prices are \$21.50 and \$19.50. Tickets are on sale now at the Fox box office and all MetroTix outlets, including 22 Schmucks Video Clubs, St. Louis area Famous-Barr stores and Rialto Sports. Tickets may be charged to MasterCard, Visa or Discover by calling MetroTix at 314/543-1111.

20th anniversary tour of 'Hair'

"Hair," the American rock musical, will bring its 20th anniversary tour to St. Louis at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Fox Theater.

"Hair" was originally presented by Joseph Papp of the New York Shakespeare Festival as the first work in its new indoor, public theater in October 1967. The book and lyrics were written by Gerome Ragni and James Rado. The music was composed by Galt MacDermoy.

"Hair" was the festival's first contemporary play and first musical. Its subject was the counter-cultural hippie scene.

It was scheduled for an eight-week engagement, and Producer Michael Butler approached the Shakespeare Festival officials with the idea of continuing the show elsewhere. After a detour to New York City's Cheetah Club, a psychedelic rock club where the environment was compatible to the show, "Hair" opened on Broadway at the Biltmore Theater in 1968.

Tickets are \$25.50 and \$24.50. There are discounts for groups of 20 or more (Fox Group Sales Department, 314-535-2900).

Winter celebration in Cahokia

The "Fete du Bon Vieux Temps," a candlelight open house at the French colonial sites of Cahokia, will be held Feb. 9.

This "festival of the good old days" will take place at the Jarrot Mansion and Cahokia Courthouse State Historic Sites and the Old Holy Family Log Church at the intersection of Illinois 3 and 157.

Candle displays, outdoors and indoors, will welcome visitors to the sites. In addition to a new video orientation program, a number of special activities are planned for the sites between 4 and 8 p.m.

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It is indeed a happy new year at radio station KEZK-FM (102). The station has recovered from a bad summer with a march upward through the St. Louis ratings to a No. 2 overall spot in Arbitron's fall rankings for listeners ages 12 and older.

This makes the station the No. 1 music station behind perennial ratings-leader KMOX-AM (1120). The fall ratings ratings are for the 6 a.m. to midnight period between Sept. 20 and Dec. 12.

During its climb, KEZK has "stepped off the elevator" to steal a phrase from its promotion. Program Director Steve Jankowski said the format has been in evolution. Two years ago the format was "beautiful music" — instrumental, or, as it's often described, "elevator music."

One year ago, when the format was "easy listening" — elevator music with some vocals the station also was No. 2 in the market. But the serious dip came last summer.

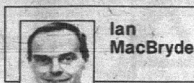
Jankowski said that summer in St. Louis, "baseball and rock 'n' roll," neither of which the station carries.

In the last few months, KEZK has invaded the area of "soft adult contemporary," such as Roberta Flack, Bette Midler, James Taylor — you get the idea. Although the change was gradual, heavy promotion of the new format did not really begin until the end of the current ratings, so it is a little difficult to read the relationship between programming and audience.

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Jankowski said the station was a close second to KMOX in the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. time period, what has become the "office listening" area. And among listeners ages 25 to 54, KEZK topped the ratings during that mid-day stretch.

Although the station's fall 1990 rating is 1.6 points lower than fall 1989, Jankowski said, "We're very pleased with the growth in (listeners aged) 25 to 54. We're happy with a rating of 7.9 this fall. Advertisers prefer listeners in the 25-to-54 age bracket to those older."

The station lost listeners in the 55-to-64 age bracket.

"I remember when employees didn't want employees listening to the radio during working hours. Not only does such a practice now seem acceptable, but the office audience is the object of considerable promotion."

It seems to me that employers are more likely to be tolerant of "soft" music than hard rock. But maybe that depends on the employer.

Following is a list of the Top 10 stations in the fall 1990 Arbitron ratings period. The ranking and station name are followed

by the ratings for fall 1990, summer 1990 and fall 1989.

1. KMOX-AM 16.6, 17.0, 18.8;
2. KEZK-FM (102), 7.9, 6.8, 9.5;
3. KSHE-FM (95), 7.2, 8.2, 8.4;
4. KMJM-FM (108), 6.9, 6.7, 7.0;
5. KSD-FM (93), 6.7, 4.2, 6.0;
6. KYKY-FM (98), 6.3, 6.6, 5.5;
7. WIL-FM (103), 5.9, 5.7, 5.4;
8. WKBB-FM (106), 5.0, 6.8, 6.7;
9. KLOU-FM (102), 4.2, 3.7, 4.3;
10. WKXX-FM (104), 3.3, 2.3, 3.5.

Although the ratings indicate KMOX has lost more than anyone else since last year, that's somewhat deceiving because the station's percentage loss is less severe than the hits taken by KSHE, WKBB, and, ironically, KEZK. That is true because the KMOX audience was significantly greater to begin with.

KMOX's major losses came at night. Its performance morning drive time and during midday was improved, possibly a tribute to the "Morning Meeting," which runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and overlaps those time slots.

KEZK's changed format moves it into a slot previously occupied by KY-96, which has taken on a little harder edge, and by KMJM-FM (96) and WSNL-FM (101), which suffered in the most recent book at 14th and 18th respectively.

"Real Life" with Jane Pauley has returned to grace the 7 p.m.

Sunday slot on KSDK-TV (Channel 5). The program is an usually gentle look at life in our country in the '90s — frequently disturbing, but right on target.

The program, which debuted last fall in a one-hour format, now comes in a 30-minute edition which leaves the a little hungry for the next one.

The Jan. 6 program was a touching look at a family in which mom has gone to the Persian Gulf with an Air Force medical unit — and dad stays home with the kids. If it didn't get to you, nothing would.

The program precedes "Expose," a half-hour show hosted by NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw in which Brokaw takes a look at a couple of stories you probably have not seen on "The Nightly News."

The first edition of "Expose" on Jan. 6 included pieces on Arabians tortured in Saudi Arabian prisons and corruption in the South Carolina Legislature. They were good stories, and I'm glad I saw them. But somehow the packaging was reminiscent of the sleaze television already available in so many versions. A significant difference is that the stories on "Expose" are important.

It probably would have helped me if NBC had come up with a different name for the series.

Ian MacBryde is an independent video producer and former television executive.

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Misses Career & Casual Wear	Moderate fall related separates by famous makers.	25-50% Off
Misses Leather & Suede Skirts	Fashionable styles in assorted colors.	25% Off
Misses, Petites & Women's Dresses	Fall styles by Expo, Lady Carol and others.	25-50% Off
Petite Fall Sportswear	Career, casual, Clubhouse and holiday fashions from popular makers.	25-50% Off
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Yes, he'll have some bananas Trittschuh Czechs out food supply, soccer in Prague

By Pete Hayes
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — Playing European soccer is a dream come true for Steve Trittschuh.

But it's not just corner kicks and head balls that have made it memorable for the Granite City native. It's the little things.

Like bananas.

And peanut butter.

Trittschuh is playing his first season for Sparta Prague in Czechoslovakia after helping lead the United States team to its first World Cup appearance in four decades this past summer in Italy. He and wife Suzanne returned to Granite City for the Christmas holidays. When they return to Prague, they'll be bearing gifts for their new Czech friends.

"Nobody asked for blue jeans," said Trittschuh with a laugh. "What most of them want are English language textbooks and English dictionaries. Everybody there wants to learn as much as they can about the United States."

The Trittschuhs are staying at the home of Steve's parents, Jack and Carol.

"Some of our stories about Czechoslovakia are amazing," said Carol. "It really makes you appreciate what we have."

Like bananas.

And peanut butter.

"The food lines in Prague are unbelievable," said Steve. "You have to wait in line for everything. I love bananas and eat them all the time. We asked



STEVE TRITTSCHUH presents the flag of the United States Soccer Team took with it to Italy for the World Cup to Christa Kirsch, president of the Granite City Steel Credit Union Board; and Mark Holzhouser, manager of the Granite City Steel Credit Union.

when they'd have some and we had to wait a week and a half before the Chiquita plane came in. Then we had to wait 1 1/2 hours in line."

That wasn't the worst.

"I couldn't believe it," said Suzanne, a Collinsville native. "All those poor people waited all that time and then they could

only afford to buy one banana. We bought five bunches and they stared at us like we were the richest people on earth."

They are — by Czech standards.

"The team gave us a car," said Steve. "And we live in a nice apartment. We've got a TV and a satellite dish. We get one

station from England and the rest is German. It's different to hear The Simpsons in German."

Upon arrival in Prague, Steve and Suzanne were the talk of the town.

"All the papers wanted to talk to us," said Steve. "Not so much about soccer, but about the United States. They want to know as much as they want about us."

Bananas aren't the only thing the Trittschuhs crave in Prague. "There's no peanut butter in the entire country," said Steve, shaking his head. "None of our Czech friends have ever even heard of it. They can't figure out how to get butter from a peanut. We're taking a five-pound jar back. I can't wait to see the look on their faces when they see what it looks like."

Food's not the only thing on Trittschuh's mind. After all, soccer is the reason he's taking this extended European vacation. He's a starting defender for Sparta Prague. The former SIUE All-American has been tabbed by the European media as the "best American playing in Europe" this season.

When the Czech season ends in April, Steve and Suzanne will return to Tampa, Fla., where Steve plays for the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the American Professional Soccer League.

"The level of play is higher than what our World Cup team saw when we were getting ready for the Cup," said Trittschuh. "The more guys from the World Cup we get to play in Europe, the stronger we'll be in 1994."

His goal through all this is the 1994 World Cup, which will be hosted by the United States, giving the U.S. an automatic berth.

"I want to play again in '94," Trittschuh said. "That's the long-range goal. After that, I don't know — maybe coach."

Whatever you can bet that — yes, they'll have some bananas.

Friday games are cancelled for Warriors

Action for three Granite City High School teams was cancelled Friday.

There was no school in District 8 due to the weather, and district policy prohibits athletic events from being held on days when school is cancelled. The Warrior-East St. Louis boys basketball game and the Granite City-Collinsville girls game were postponed. Granite City also didn't take part in the Hazelwood Central Quad wrestling meet. The girls game has been rescheduled for Jan. 26 in Collinsville at 6:30 p.m.

The Granite City-Alton boys game scheduled for Saturday was also postponed. Makeup dates will be announced later.

Merritt brings joy to Windsor

By Warren Hayes
Staff writer

Laura Merritt does not take her talent for granted. And Lord knows, Windsor (Mo.) coach Martina Roth doesn't.

Windsor had been on the basketball skids before Merritt

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arrived in the Imperial area last summer. Forty-three consecutive times the O'asis had lost. Few of those were close.

And then along came Merritt. "They don't make many like her," Roth said. "I'm sure glad I have her and don't have to coach against her."

No coach would want to try to top Merritt this year. The transfer student from Neelyville High in southeast Missouri has been pumping in the points since the season's tip-off. Loads of them.

The 5-7 junior opened the year with a 41-point effort. Through six games, she's averaging 31.3.

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Scoreboard

GRANITE BOWL			
Afternoon Preseason Games			
Boys high series			
Tummy Cell	395		
Ryan Traubach	331		
Matt Cook	213		
Boys high game			
Scottie Johnson	198		
Brooks Schuster	198		
Charles King	77		
Girls high series			
Any Brown	383		
Lisa Johnson	227		
Angela Brown	219		
Girls high game			
Eric Graham	96		
Nicole Brown	69		
Amber Brown	69		
Afternoon Jr/Majors			
Boys high series			
Robert Brookshire Jr.	533		
Daniel Dwyer	521		
Eric Tongo	438		
Boys high game			
Richard Shubert	207		
Jason Weil	193		
Jeff Hryk	169		
Girls high series			
Tammy Mendell	549		
Erin Tongo	438		
Lisa Daley	329		
Girls high game			
Rolyn Harper	156		
Rebecca Brown	149		
Jackie Brown	108		
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Juniors			
Jason Street	653		
Robert Brookshire	547		
Boys high series			
Eric Vacher	524		
Richard Labary	233		
Todd Nienmeyer	210		
Kelly Nesbitt	195		
Ed Herzig	183		
Girls high series			
Tammy Mendell	534		
Christine Gibber	475		
Carrie Koster	472		
Girls high game			
Kathy Leffmann	187		
Doni Egan	187		
Rhonda Laitman	136		
Jr/Majors II			
Boys high series			
Kevin Zink	461		
Mike Wood	433		
Todd Sloan	417		
Boys high game			
Nicholas Thomas	521		
Joey Byrd	517		
Kevin Graczyk	517		
Mike Clayton	517		
Girls high series			
Theresa Beard	448		
Tammy Evans	448		
Kelly Kiplinger	448		
Girls high game			
Isabelle Austin	163		
Tanya Newcomb	154		
Katie Quirk	134		
Jr/Majors III Noon			
Boys high series			
Rick Labarav	460		
Mike Kuhlenschmidt	328		
Chris Cunningham	328		
Boys high game			
Brad Schultz	521		
Kelly Nesbitt	381		
Boys high series			
Ryan James	176		
Koreen Kuhlenschmidt	454		
Lisa Klarich	281		
Girls high game			
Maggie Sughero	149		
Karen Klarich	126		
Prags I			
Boys high series			
Jerry Sherwin	254		
Nick Fren	311		
Adam Beale	311		
Boys high game			
Andy Snider	132		
Richard Taylor	128		
Joseph Pascheta	127		
Girls high series			
Koreen Kuhlenschmidt	497		
Ambera Clemens	416		
Girls high game			
Marketa Mathew	166		
Lisa Fren	162		
Cheryl Ham	142		
Prags Noon			
Boys high series			
Andy Holman	392		
Stephen Sifton	381		
Joey Hoelcher	340		
Boys high game			
Jason Dekantz	172		
Christopher Jordani	136		
David Barr	134		
Girls high series			
Emily Meyerford	361		
Rolly Thompson	311		
Tera Tarwater	255		
Girls high game			
Tracey Goldard	152		
Michelle Madcock	125		
Leigh Douglas	90		

Balanced attack leads Red Devils past Sparta

By Mike Blacksheere
Correspondent

VENICE — The Red Devils featured a balanced attack Friday as they improved to 11-3 with an 84-63 win over Sparta.

The Bulldogs fell to 9-5 heading into this week's Sparta Mid-Winter Tournament, in which Venice will also play.

Erwin Claggett saw every defense known to man Friday, but solved them all as he tallied 29 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. The box-and-one, and triangle-and-two just seemed to serve as a challenge to score more for the 6-2 senior, second in the area in scoring.

Claggett looked very relaxed tonight, said Venice coach Clinton Harris. "We ended up with five players in double figures. We did well scoring tonight."

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SPARTA: Easton 18 (3 2-pointers), Steele 13 (2 3-pointers), Barrett 8 (2 3-pointers), Jackson 6, Copp 2, Kromble 2, Lehman 2, Madson 1, Smith 1, 2 FG 12 (3 3-pointers), FT-8/13, PF-12.
VENICE: Claggett 29 (10 2-pointers, 6 assists, 2 3-pointers), Mosby 17 (8 assists, 5 steals), 3 3-pointers, Chambers 2, FG-22 (8 3-pointers), FT-10/14, PF-12.

The balanced scoring came in large part because the Bulldogs made such a concerted effort to stop Claggett. He still got his points while his teammates took advantage of their opportunities as all the starters had good nights scoring. The senior guard tandem of Robert Mosby and Winston Webb combined for 30 points. Marcus Franklin and

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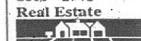
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